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Ladant et al.) Group Art Unit for parent application:
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Serial No.: 09/973,013)
) Examiner in parent application:
Filed: October 10, 2001) Zeman, R.
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For: A BACTERIAL MULTI-HYBRID)
SYSTEM AND APPLICATIONS)
THEREOF)



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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, U.S. Patent Nos. 6,051,381 and 5,468,619, and PCT/US96/09809 were previously submitted in a prior application, Application No. 09/203,681, filed December 1, 1998, upon which applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. §120.

For the Examiner's convenience, copies of all of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. In addition, a copy of the International Search Report for international application PCT/IB98/02085, the specification of which

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is similar to the specification of the parent application 09/203,681 and the instant application, is also attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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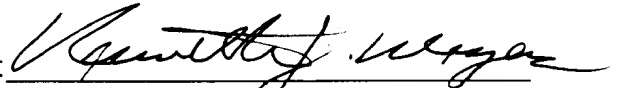
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